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FORMER ENLISTED NAVY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR 15 YEARS FOR TRAFFICKING IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

FRESNO, Calif.—FRESNO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that ROBERT GOGOLEWSKI, 24, formerly of Lemoore, California, was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge Anthony W. Ishii to 15 years to be followed by a 20-year term of supervised release for receipt and distribution of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. GOGOLEWSKI will be required to register as a sex offender, and his access to minors, computers, and the internet will be restricted.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in Lemoore, California and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office in Fresno, California., with assistance from the Fresno County Sheriff's Department Computer Crimes Unit.

According to David Gappa, who prosecuted the case, GOGOLEWSKI became the subject of investigation after he attempted to transmit on January 19, 2006, two images of child pornography as attachments to an e-mail message using America Online (AOL). AOL detected the two images and referred them to analysts at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) through its CyberTipline. NCMEC then provided the Fresno ICE office on January 25, 2006 with sufficient information to identify GOGOLEWSKI as the individual responsible for transmitting the illegal images.

When a search warrant was executed at his residence on the Lemoore Naval Air Station, agents located more than 900 still and 24 video images of child pornography saved on the defendant's computer. Subsequent forensic review of the computer revealed a "Buddy List" entitled "Good Trade" that led to the identification of approximately two dozen other persons involved in trafficking child pornography images.

GOGOLEWSKI has been in federal custody, as a danger to the community and a flight risk, since December 11, 2006. Before that he was in military custody as a result of his arrest on June 27, 2006, and subsequent conviction for military charges related to explosives found at his residence.

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